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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STEVE LESHINSKY, INDIVIDUALLY :
AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OTHERS :
SIMILARLY SITUATED, :
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Plaintiff, :
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vs. :
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JAMES JUN WANG, ZHIJUAN GUO, :
WEIGUO WANG, ARNOLD STALOFF, :
and SMARTHEAT, INC. :
:

Defendants, :
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Docket No. 12-cv-6682 (PAE)

**NOTICE OF REQUEST TO
WITHDRAW AND
SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL**

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Eugene J. Frett and Matthew H. Rice of Sperling & Slater, P.C. and Tammy Phyllis

Bieber and Matthew Jesse Sinkman of Tannenbaum Helpert Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP, having
appeared as attorneys for Defendant SmartHeat, Inc. in the above-referenced matter, hereby
request to withdraw as Attorneys of Record in connection with the above-referenced matter.

As grounds for this request, defendant SmartHeat, Inc. now desires to retain James L.

Kopecky of Kopecky, Schumacher & Bleakley, PC and Brian J. Neville and Raquel Terrigno of Lax & Neville LLP to represent it in this litigation. The proposed substitution at this early stage of litigation will not delay the matter or prejudice any party.

Wherefore, the undersigned counsel respectfully request that this Request to Withdraw and Substitute Counsel be granted. A proposed order is being separately submitted.

Dated: New York, New York
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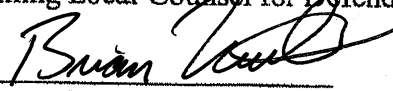

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